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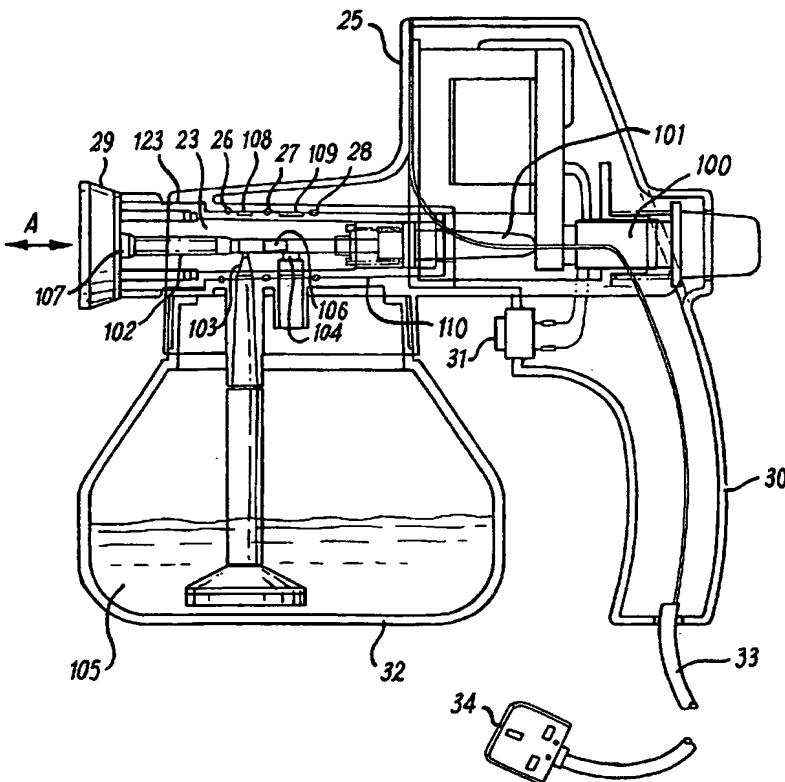
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(54) Title: A SPRAY DEVICE



(57) Abstract: A spray device is provided in which a spray stem section (23) is secured within a passage (110) of a spray device body (25). The stem section (23) is readily removable to allow easy cleaning and also is normally made of materials, which allow disposal after use of the stem section (23). In order to allow such use of plastics materials, in particular the stem section (23) is associated with the passage (110) such that seal elements (26, 27, 28) isolate feed ports (103, 104) over a relatively broad communication band to gutter channels (108, 109) in the stem section (23). Normally a nozzle combination (107, 113, 114) is secured within a jet (102) such that this combination is also separately disposable. The nozzle combination (107, 113, 114) is held within the spray stem section (23) using a spray hood (115).

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A spray device with spray stem

2. claims: 17-22, 25-27

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